

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:**Patent Claims**

1. (Currently amended) ~~Ball~~ A ball pin comprising a ball (12) and a pin (16) connected to the ball, characterized in that the ball is provided with a recess (18) on its side facing away from the pin, the diameter of said recess corresponding approximately to the a diameter of the pin.
2. (Currently amended) ~~Ball~~ The ball pin according to claim 1, characterized in that the pin (16) is provided with knurling (20) so that it can be pressed into the a recess (18) of a second ball pin without any play.
3. (Currently amended) ~~Ball~~ A ball joint comprising a ball pin according to ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ claim 1, characterized in that there is a ball cup (26, 27) made of plastic which is injected into a connecting part (28).
4. (Currently amended) ~~Ball~~ The ball joint according to claim 3, characterized in that the ball cup (26) is injected onto the ball (12).
5. (Currently amended) ~~Ball~~ The ball joint according to ~~either of Claims 3 and 4,~~ claim 3, characterized in that there is a seal (30, 32) which acts upon the ball cup (26).

6. (Currently amended) ~~Ball~~ The ball joint according to claim 5, characterized in that the ball cup (26) has a groove (34) in which the seal is arranged.
7. (Currently amended) ~~Ball~~ The ball joint according to ~~either of Claims 5 and 6,~~ claim 1, characterized in that the seal (32) has an anchoring section (36) which is arranged in the recess (18) and a circular or annular sealing section (38) which bears against the ball cup (26).
8. (Currently amended) ~~Ball~~ The ball joint according to ~~one of Claims 3 to 7,~~ claim 3, characterized in that there is a stop (40) which ~~engages in~~ is situated in the recess (18) and defines ~~the~~ a maximum possible movement of the ball cup (27) relative to the ball.
9. (Currently amended) ~~Ball~~ The ball joint according to Claim 8, characterized in that the stop (40) is made in one piece with the ball cup (27).
10. (Currently amended) Assembly consisting of two ball joints according to ~~one of Claims 3 to 9,~~ claim 3, characterized in that ~~the~~ a pin (16) of ~~the~~ the ~~said ball pin of one ball joint (10) is fitted in the~~ into a recess (18) of ~~the~~ a ball (12) ~~of the~~ of a second ball pin.
11. (New) A ball pin system comprising:
a first ball; and
a first pin integrally formed in said first ball;
said first ball comprising a first recess situated generally opposite first pin, said first recess being adapted to receive a second pin integrally formed in a second ball.
12. (New) The ball pin system as recited in claim 1 wherein said second pin is knurled and press-fit into said first recess.

13. (New) The ball pin system as recited in claim 1 wherein said first recess comprises a depth that is approximately three quarters the length of said first ball.

14. (New) The ball pin system as recited in claim 1 wherein said ball pin system comprises said second ball having a second pin integrally formed in said second ball and mounted into said recess.

15. (New) The ball pin system as recited in claim 14 wherein said second ball comprises a second recess situated generally opposite said second pin; said first and second balls and said first and second recesses being generally co-axial when said second ball is mounted onto said first ball.

16. (New) The ball pin system as recited in claim 1 wherein a ball cup is molded onto said first ball.

17. (New) The ball pin system as recited in claim 16 wherein a ball cup comprises a stop that is received in said second recess to facilitate limiting a rotation of a rod coupled to said ball cup.

18. (New) The ball pin system as recited in claim 14 wherein a ball cup is molded onto said second ball, said a ball cup comprising a stop that is received in said second recess to facilitate limiting a rotation of a rod coupled to said ball cup.

19. (New) The ball pin system as recited in claim 14 wherein said first ball comprises a first diameter and said second ball comprises a second diameter, said first and second diameters being the same.

20. (New) The ball pin system as recited in claim 14 wherein said first ball comprises a first diameter and said second ball comprises a second diameter, said first and second diameters being different.

21. (New) The ball pin system as recited in claim 20 wherein said second diameter is smaller than said first diameter.

22. (New) The ball pin system as recited in claim 14 wherein said first recess comprises a recess diameter that and said second pin comprises a pin diameter that generally corresponds to said recess diameter in order to enable a press fit of said second pin into said first recess.